

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 31, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. CRITTENDEN submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims have had under consideration the petition of Ford Barnes, praying compensation for the services of his father as a soldier of the American army in the war of the revolution, and respectfully report :*

The petitioner represents that his father, Job Barnes, was a "soldier in the army of the United States during the revolutionary war;" that he enlisted in the year 1775 or 1776 "for five years, or during the war;" that he actually served "about one year;" that he received only the bounty on enlistment and one month's pay; that he enlisted in Talbot county, State of Maryland; that petitioner cannot state "whether said Job was enlisted as United States or as Maryland militia;" that said Job was in the battles of White Plains and Long Island, and was marched to Trenton, as affiant has heard him say; "that after the battle of Long Island, the said Job was in some way, in the confusion consequent upon such battle, separated from the rest of the army;" "that he was unable afterwards to find the army," &c., and in wandering about he fell in with some discharged soldiers, and returned home with them to Maryland. That a short time after his return home, it was rumored that he would be seized as a *deserter*, and that to avoid the embarrassment feared from such arrest, he bought his discharge from the service, by paying therefor one hundred pounds.

These are substantially the grounds on which the petitioner claims, as heir of Job Barnes, the balance of pay due to his father for his service of one year, and also the reimbursement of the one hundred pounds which the said Job paid for his discharge from the service, to avoid the *embarrassment* of being arrested as a *deserter*.

It is needless to comment on such a claim, and the committee recommend to the Senate the adoption of the resolution which they report, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner be rejected.

